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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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1. WE HAD EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE WITH SUMMER INTERNS IN
1977 AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ON THREE FOR THIS COMING
SUMMER (TWO AT EMBASSY LAGOS AND ONE AT CONSULATE KADUNA).

2. THE PRINCIPAL PROJECT FOR THE SUMMER INTERN LOCATED IN
THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC SECTION WOULD BE TO COMPI8E
SURVEYS OF NIGERIA'S
PRINCIPAL CITIES. EACH OF THESE

SURVEYS WOULD FOCUS ON SUCH ASPECTS OF A CITY AS ITS MAIN
INDUSTRIES, KEY INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE, LEADING RETAILERS
AND WHOLESALERS, ANY SPECIAL 'ROLE' THAT IT PLAYS IN THE
NATION, PRINCIPAL TRADE OPPORTUNITIES, FINANCIAL AND CREDIT
SYSTEMS, ETC. THIS TYPE OF PROJECT WOULD PERMIT A GREAT
DEAL OF TRAVEL, WHICH INTERNS NORMALLY PRIZE, AND COULD BE
CARRIED OUT WITHOUT A GREAT DEAL OF PRIOR EXPERTISE.
REPORTS WHICH RESULTED FROM THE PROJECT WOULD BE
HIGHLY USEFUL TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN.

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3. THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL SECTION CAN MAKE EXCELLENT
USE OF A SUMMER INTERN. THE SECTION HAS A NUMBER OF
LONG-TERM REPORTS ON WHICH AN INTERN COULD WORK INCLUDING
AIRGRAMS ON THE POLICE FORCE, THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM
(INCLUDING SHARIA COURTS) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE
INDIVIDUAL STATES. THE INTERN WOULD ALSO BE ASSIGNED

CERTAIN DUTIES THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE ASSIGNED TO A JUNIOR LEVEL POLITICAL OFFICER SUCH AS ROUTINE CONTACTS WITH THE PROTOCOL OFFICER, BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING AND ROUTINE POLITICAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES.

4. OUR CONSULATE IN KADUNA WAS VERY PLEASED WITH 1977 INTERN GERMAN AND WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER MATURE, HIGHLY QUALIFIED INTERN THIS COMING SUMMER. SINCE THERE WILL BE A NEW PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN KADUNA, IT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT THE INTERN MIGHT MOST USEFULLY DO. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE BELIEVE THE MOST SUITABLE PROJECT MIGHT BE ONE OF PREPARING POLITICAL PROFILES ON THE DIFFERENT STATES IN THE KADUNA CONSULAR DISTRICT. INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE SHOULD BE OF GREAT HELP AS A FOUNDATION FOR THE INCREASED VOLUME OF POLITICAL REPORTING WHICH WILL BE DESIRABLE WITH THE APPROACH OF POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITY AND THE REVERSION TO CIVILIAN RULE. IT IS QUITE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE INTERN WOULD ALSO BE UTILIZED TO BACKSTOP NORMAL CONSULATE ACTIVITIES AS NEEDED AND TO TAKE ON AD HOC LOCAL PROJECTS
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